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The magic bullet turns right then left

In the movie "JFK," the following passage is spoken by Kevin Costner, who plays New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Rather than admit to a conspiracy or investigate further, the Warren Commission chose to endorse the theory put forth by an ambitious junior counselor, Arlen Specter. One of the grossest lies ever foisted on the American people. We've come to know it as the magic-bullet theory.

"The magic bullet enters the President's back, headed downward at an angle of 17 degrees. It then moves upward, in order to leave Kennedy's body from the front of his neck. Wound No. 2. Where it waits 1.6 seconds. Presumably in mid-air, where it turns right. Then left. Right. Then left. And continues into [Gov. John] Connally's body at the rear of his right arm pit. Wound No. 3.

"The bullet then heads downward at an angle of 27 degrees, shattering Connally's fifth rib and exiting from the right side of his chest. Wound No. 4.

"The bullet then turns right. And reenters Connally's body at his right wrist. Wound No. 5. Shattering the radius bone, the bullet then exits Connally's wrist, wound No. 6, makes a dramatic U-turn and buries itself into Connally's left thigh. Wound No. 7, [from] which it later falls out. And is found in almost pristine condition on a stretcher in a corridor of Parkland Hospital.

"That's some bullet.

"Anyone who's been in combat will tell you that never in the history of combat has there been a bullet this ridiculous. Yet the government says it can prove it. With some fancy physics in a nuclear laboratory. Of course they can. Theoretical physics can prove that an elephant can hang from a cliff with his tail tied to a daisy....

"This single-bullet explanation is the foundation of the Warren Commission's claim of a lone assassin. And once you conclude [that] the magic bullet could not create all seven of those wounds, you have to conclude that there was a fourth shot. And a second rifle. And if there was a second rifle, by definition, there had to be a conspiracy."